

REMARKS

Claims **1 - 13 and 15 - 18** are pending

Claims **1, 17 and 18** are independent.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1

Although applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterizations, independent claim **1** has been amended to recite an embodiment of the invention. This amendment was made solely to advance prosecution. Support for the amendment may be found in the present application, e.g., on page 27, lines 17 - 22. The original claim will be pursued in a continuing application.

SECTION 102 AND 103 REJECTIONS

Applicants do not agree with the propriety of the rejections over the cited art. The present claims patentably distinguish over the references. For example, no reference has anything to do with whether the first telephone is using a text messaging feature of the first telephone.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons it is submitted that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Alternatively, if there remains any question regarding the present application or any of the cited references, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Dean Alderucci at telephone number 203-461-7337 or via electronic mail at Alderucci@WalkerDigital.com.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

Applicants hereby petition for a **three-month** extension of time with which to respond to the Office Action. Please charge **\$475.00** for this petition to our Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Please charge any additional fees that may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted

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